

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 7-15 and 18-23 are pending in the application. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 6, 9, 17 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 12-13, 15, and 21 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCanne (US 2003/0088696) in view of Haas et al (US 7,035,937). The Examiner stated essentially that the combined teachings of McCanne and Haas teach or suggest all the limitations of Claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 12-13, 15 and 21.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claims 6 and 17. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 12 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 4, and 10 depend from Claim 1. Claims 13, 15, and 21 depend from Claim 12. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for Claims 1 and 12. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 19 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCanne in view of Hass as applied to Claims 1 and 12, and further in view of Hsu et al. (US 6,363,319). The Examiner stated essentially that the combined teachings of McCanne, Haas and Hsu teach or suggest all the limitations of Claims 8 and 19.

Claims 8 and 19 depend from Claims 1 and 12, respectively. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for Claims 1 and 12. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 23 includes the limitations of Claim 1, 7, 8 and allowable Claim 9. Therefore, Claim 23 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

For the forgoing reasons, the present application, including Claims 1-4, 7-15 and 18-23, is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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